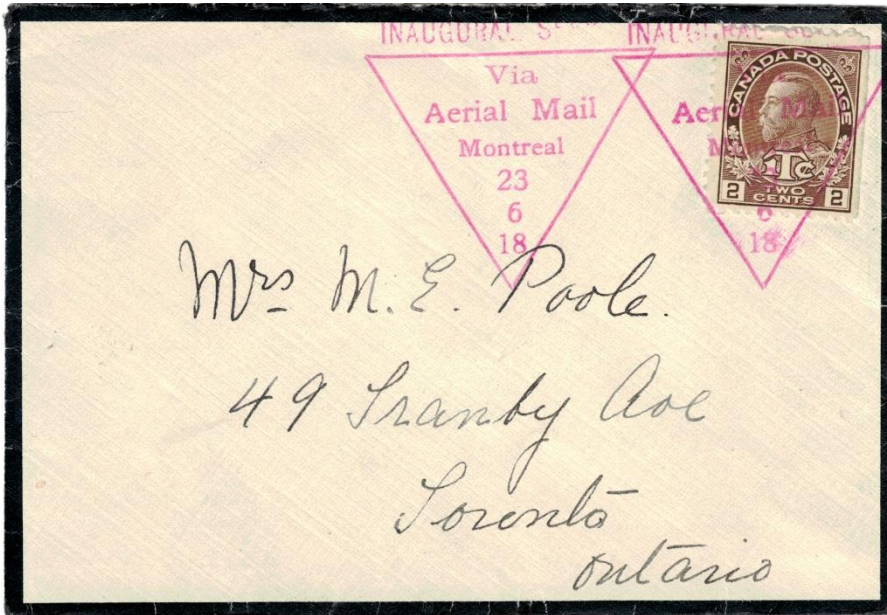# Military Toronto – 1918 – First Air Mail Flight

The first "official" airmail flight in Canada took place in the closing months of World War I. Captain Brian Peck visited his family in Montreal and flew stunts over Montreal hoping to increase enlistments into the air force.

Members of the Aerial League of the British Empire heard of the flight and managed to turn the return flight to Toronto into the first "official" delivery of mail by air. One-hundred-twenty letters were randomly selected from the regular mail to Toronto and received the commemorate postmark shown. The flight was scheduled for June 23, 1918 but was delayed because of weather.

The Montreal postmark (above) is dated June 23 and the Toronto receiver (scan – right) is dated June 24.

Camp Leaside Toronto

Landing field for the first Canadian airmail.